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Ian Shipsey FRS
Henry Moseley Centenary Professor
& Head Oxford Physics



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Brian Foster OBE FRS HonFInstP

Donald H Perkins Professor of
Experimental Physics

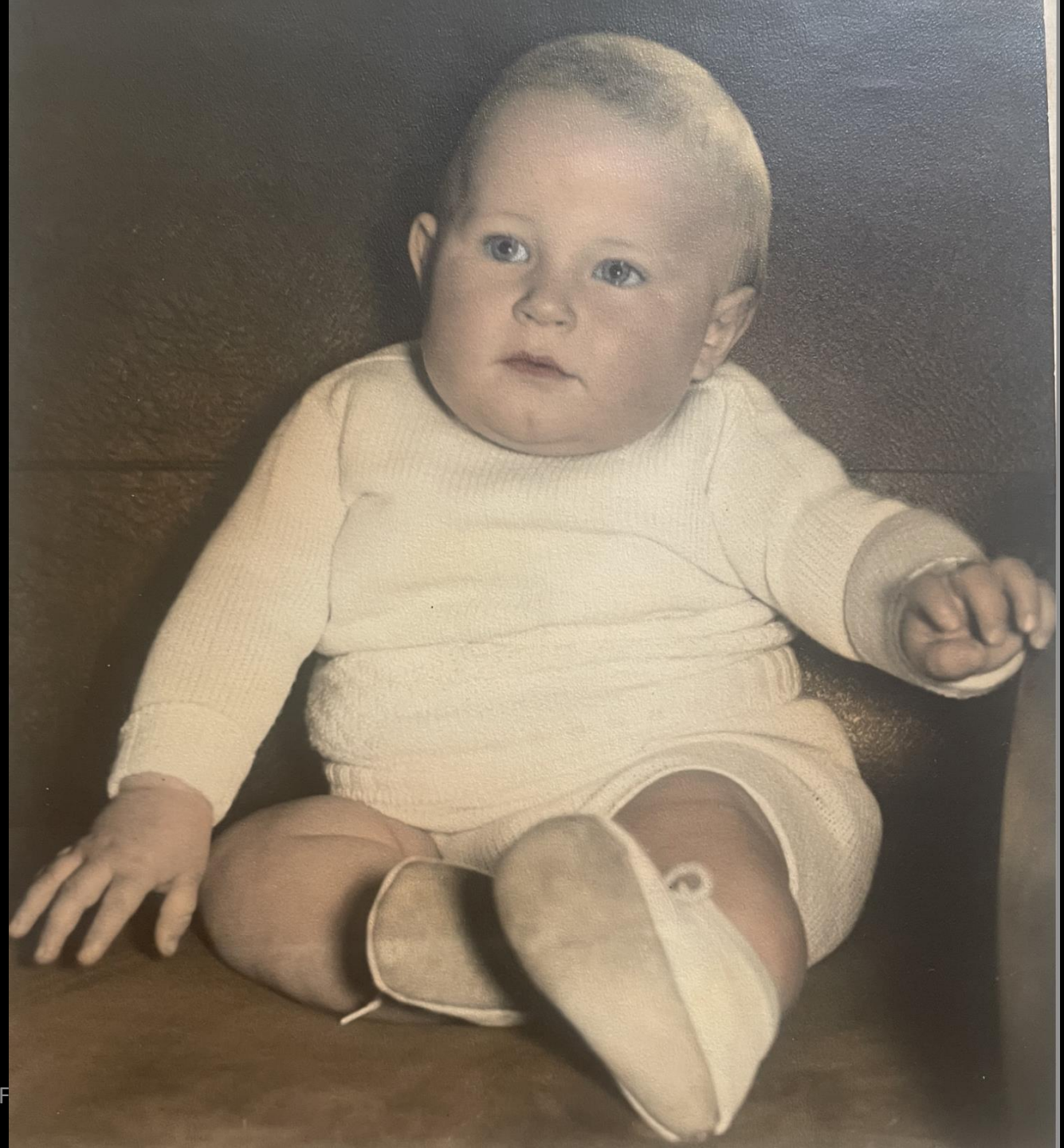
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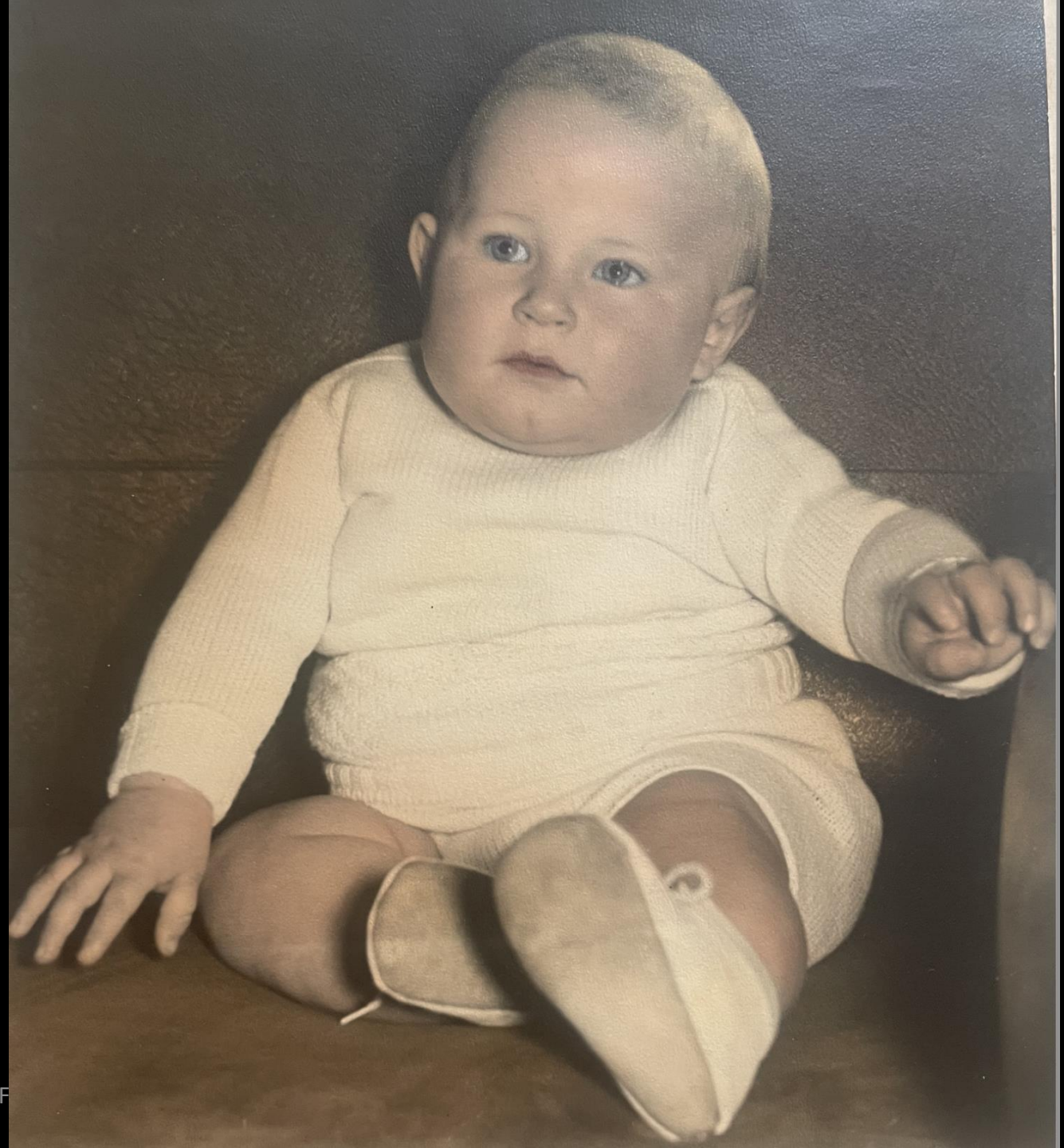
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Summer TERM, 1970

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Language	1			
GEOGRAPHY	1		Excellent	REP
HISTORY	1		Excellent	
LANGUAGES:-				
Latin	1		Excellent	REP
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Algebra				
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MUSIC				

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Conduct..... Progress.....

General Report..... 9 PASSES
An excellent performance Brian - Congratulations!

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An outstanding achievement. David Form Master
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Queen Elizabeth College,
London University 1972 – 1975;
1st Class Honours
in Physics, 1975.

Dillon Prize, 1974
and Andrewes Prize, 1975
for best performance in year.



Honorary Life Member,
Queen Elizabeth College Students
Union 1975.

For “general contribution to college life”

Secretary of the Union
Member of College Council.

Very interested in history & politics &
very left wing.



“Lots of what I know about chairing meetings I learnt from the Chair of College council, Sir Hedley Atkins, a medic.”

How to ensure that a meeting behaved in an orderly fashion

How to ensure that everyone felt that their opinion had been heard and taken on board

How to scan a meeting to be sure that people were ready to decide and move on

“The whole gamut of how to chair a meeting properly, which these days seems to be less and less understood

It is an art that has to be both studied and practiced.”



EXAMINATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

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T. C. BARKER

Examiners

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D. M. METCALF

C. SISAM

Examiners

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Supervisor:
Pavel Grossman

Talk of Jos Engelen

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K. PALER
R. J. CASHMORE
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Research Associate, Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, 1978–82;
& Imperial College, 1982-84 ACNO, TASSO (see talk of Albrecht Wagner)

Lecturer, Dept. of Physics, Bristol University, 1984 – 1992;
Reader 1992 – 1996;

Head of Bristol Particle Physics Group, 1992 – 2003;

Professor of Experimental Physics, Bristol, 1996 – 2003

(Emeritus, 2003);

PPARC Lecturer Fellow 1999 – 2000

TASSO, ZEUS, SDC, BaBar

(Talks of Albrecht, Mandy, Brian, Jordan)

Built the group up to be one of the
strongest small groups in the country





Professor of Experimental Physics in the University of Oxford 2003 – 2016

Head of the Subdepartment of Particle Physics (PP) 2004 – 2011

Professorial Fellow of Balliol College 2003 – 2022, now Emeritus

Donald H. Perkins Professor of Experimental Physics, 2016 – 2022, now Emeritus

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Architect of the John Adams Institute for Accelerator Science



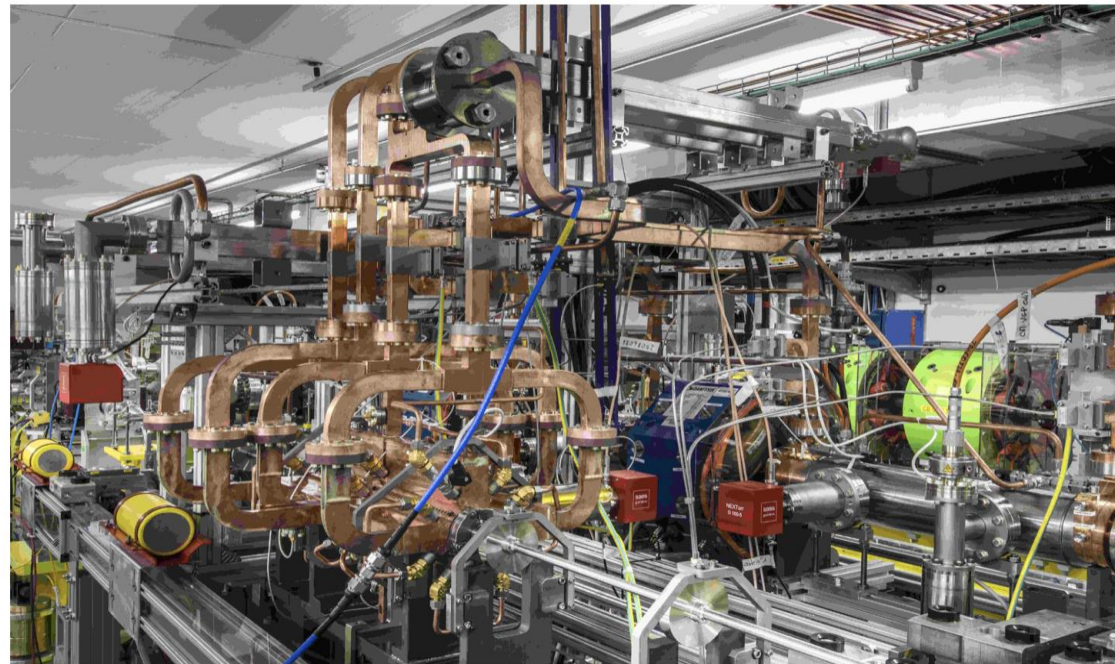
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Latest news



Oxford Physics Student Wins Prestigious Gibbs Prize for MPhys Project

26 August 2024
Congratulations to Thomas Fogg on this outstanding achievement!



Corey Lehmann awarded the John Adams Prize

22 July 2024
The first-year graduate student worked on Beam Loss

Introduced biweekly PP Executive Committee management meetings in their current form

Chaired PP Graduate Studies Committee, which coordinated teaching of particle physics to experimental graduate students (involved both PP & Theory subdepartments.)

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PP biggest contributor of overhead to Oxford Physics when Brian arrived, dropped to average by the time he left.

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Max Born
Medal & Prize
2003
IOP & DPG



OBE
2003



FRS
2008



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Professor Brian Foster OBE FRS

Brian Foster is known for his pioneering work in high-energy particle physics. In particular, Brian has made major contributions to the study of elementary particles such as heavy quarks and leptons. He is a leader in the development and analysis of electron–positron and electron–proton colliders.

For four years, he led the **ZEUS** collaboration of 400 physicists working in Hamburg, Germany. Since 2005, he has been European Director of the global design effort for the **International Linear Collider** — a next-generation particle collider that is set to unlock the secrets of our Universe. He is currently European Director of the Linear Collider Collaboration.

Brian is a firm believer in popularising physics. In addition to writing widely in newspapers and magazines, he presents the lecture series '**Einstein's Universe**' and '**Superstrings**', which combine his love of science and music. Together with Suzie Sheehy, he proposed the '**Accelerate!**' live-action lecture about particle physics for younger children, which he has now transferred to Germany. In 2003, he was awarded an OBE for services to research on particle physics.

Professional position

- , Department of Physics, University of Oxford
- Alexander von Humboldt Professor, Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron (DESY), Universität Hamburg
- Emeritus Professor of Experimental Physics, School of Physics, University of Bristol

Subject groups

- **Astronomy and physics**
Elementary particle physics

[Personal website](#)

Culture, history and society

Honorary Fellows: Professor Brian Foster

For his leadership of experimental particle physics internationally and, in the United Kingdom, for the promotion of physics both by novel public engagement and high-level involvement in learned society activities.


HonFInstP (2020)



Humboldt Research Prize 1999
 Humboldt Research Professorship 2011
 at University of Hamburg/DESY on leave
 of absence from Oxford.

ZEUS, ILC, FLASHForward, HALHF

(see Plasma Accelerators and Compact Colliders
 talk of Carl Lindstrøm)

Change theme 

Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron DESY
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Brian Foster
 Particle Physics and Accelerator Technologies

Brian Foster is Alexander von Humboldt Professor at the University of Hamburg and leading scientist at DESY. He is carrying out three major research topics: Deep Inelastic Scattering (DIS) at the ZEUS experiment at HERA; the International Linear collider, of which he was European Director; and new methods of acceleration, principally plasma wave acceleration.

In ZEUS he and his group are mostly working on the combination of the final H1 and ZEUS DIS data and the production of heavy c and b quarks. The ILC uses superconducting high frequency Niobium cavities; Foster's group is working on methods of increasing their performance, for example by nitrogen doping. In plasma-wave acceleration, Foster's group is working in the FLASHForward experiment, a new beam line at FLASH which promises to enable unique experiments. Foster is the Spokesman of a Helmholtz Virtual Institute in this research area. He is also a Fellow of the Royal Society.

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THE ROYAL SOCIETY

Member of SC2 – a key role in electing new PP Fellows
Council member

Vice-President - established electronic voting on new Fellows!

Got an important report on “Greenhouse Gas Removal”
ISBN: 978-1-78252-349-9 through the hurdles.

Much government advice given

Many foreign delegations entertained

Member, RS Public Engagement Committee

Member of the Research Community of Interest

Founder member of the International Committee

Role in external things in pp

– (talk of Ian Halliday Science Government & Brian)

Organising the response to the Kendrew Report on CERN

Founding the IoP HEPP group

Chairing the IoP Nuclear and Particle Physics Division

Member of IoP Council

Honorary Fellow IoP

Member of LHCC in its earliest days, Chief Referee for LHCb.

Chair of ECFA (2002-2005), which led to European Director of ILC (talk of Barry)

sometimes acting as CERN Council delegate

for Ken Pounds as CEO of PPARC

Scientific Council of DESY

Currently Chair of CEPC IAC

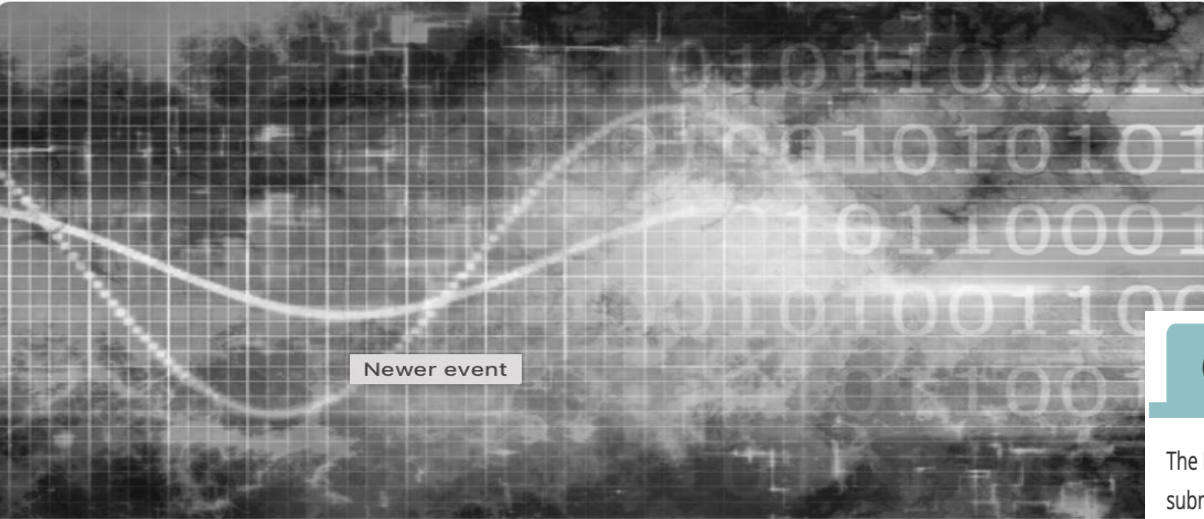
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Einstein's Violin (Jack Liebeck)

Brian & the REF



Ian Shipsey, Head Oxford Physics



Newer event

Research Impact: Evidencing the REF

 14-07-2015

 08:30 - 13:30

 King's House Conference Centre, Manchester

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OVERVIEW

The Research Excellence Framework (REF) was introduced to assess the quality of research in UK higher education institutions. Almost two thousand submissions were made in 2014 involving over fifty thousand academic staff, over one hundred and ninety research outputs, and close to seven thousand impact case studies. The results certainly demonstrated the high quality and enhanced international standing of UK research, 22% of outputs were judged world-leading and a further 50% were judged internationally excellent. The UK funding bodies will use these assessment outcomes to inform decisions on the allocation of research funding. How will the first REF assessment process inform future submissions? How can institutions benchmark outcomes from assessments and drive the quality of submissions?

For the first time there was an emphasis on impact beyond academia that was included to demonstrate the wider benefits of research. The expert panel found that there were impressive impacts found across all disciplines, with submissions of all sizes and from many diverse UK universities. Assessors concluded 44% of impacts were judged to be outstanding and a further 40% were judged to be considerable. How can universities best evidence impact for the REF in 2015 and beyond across the economy, health, the environment, culture, public policy and services?

Join us at Research Impact: Evidencing the REF to learn how to improve REF submissions and help to build evidence for ongoing impact assessment.

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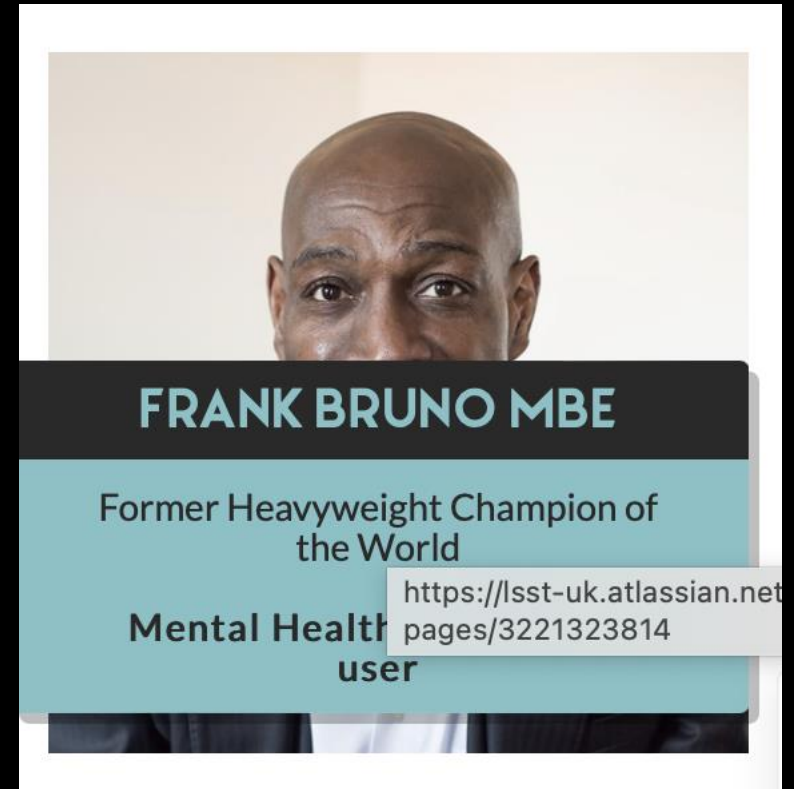
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FRANK BRUNO MBE

Former Heavyweight Champion of
the World

Mental Health
user

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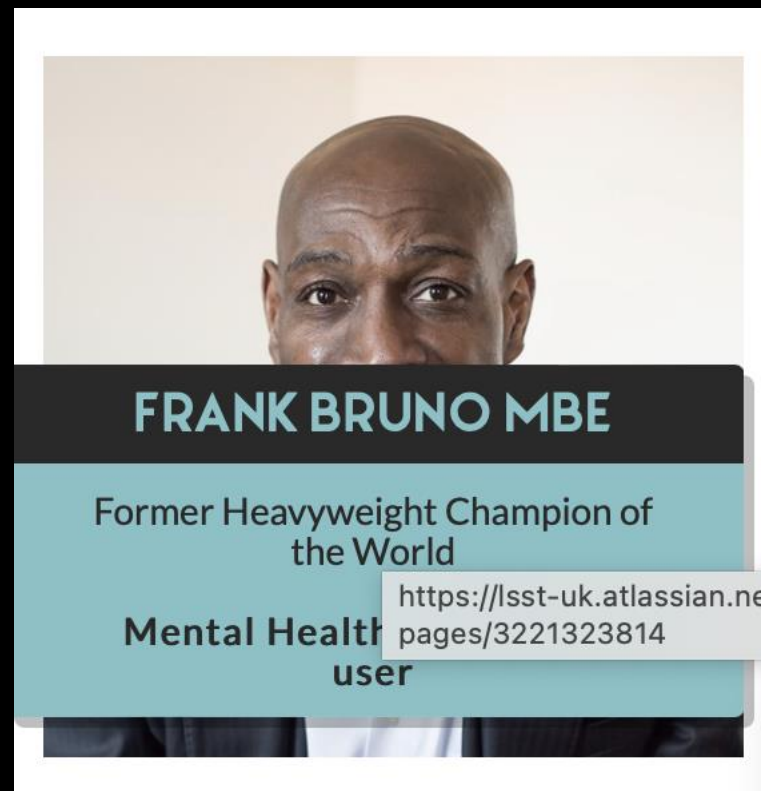
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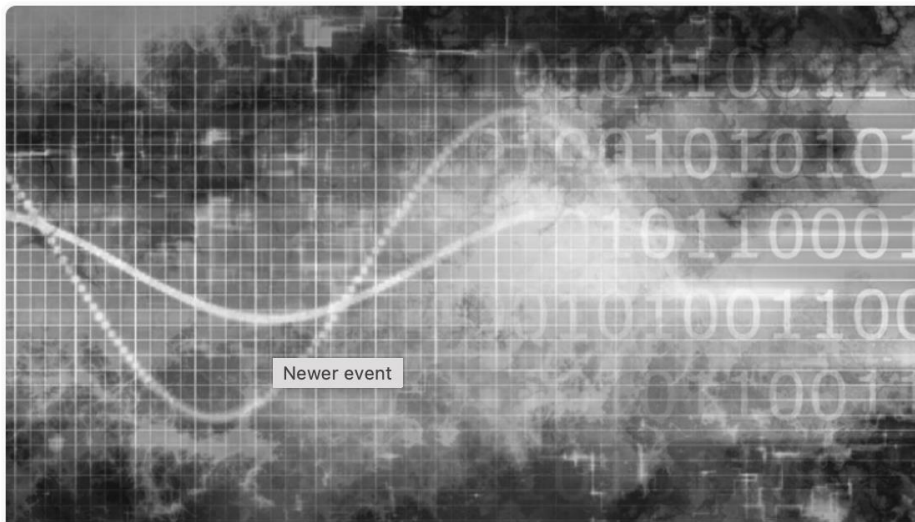
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Professor of Physics

Oxford University



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Director of the Policy
Institute, King's College
London



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University of Manchester



SIMON TANNER

Pro Vice Dean for
Research Impact and
Innovation, Faculty of Arts
and Humanities, King's
College London



BRIAN FOSTER

Professor of Experimental
Physics, University of
Oxford



AARON PORTER

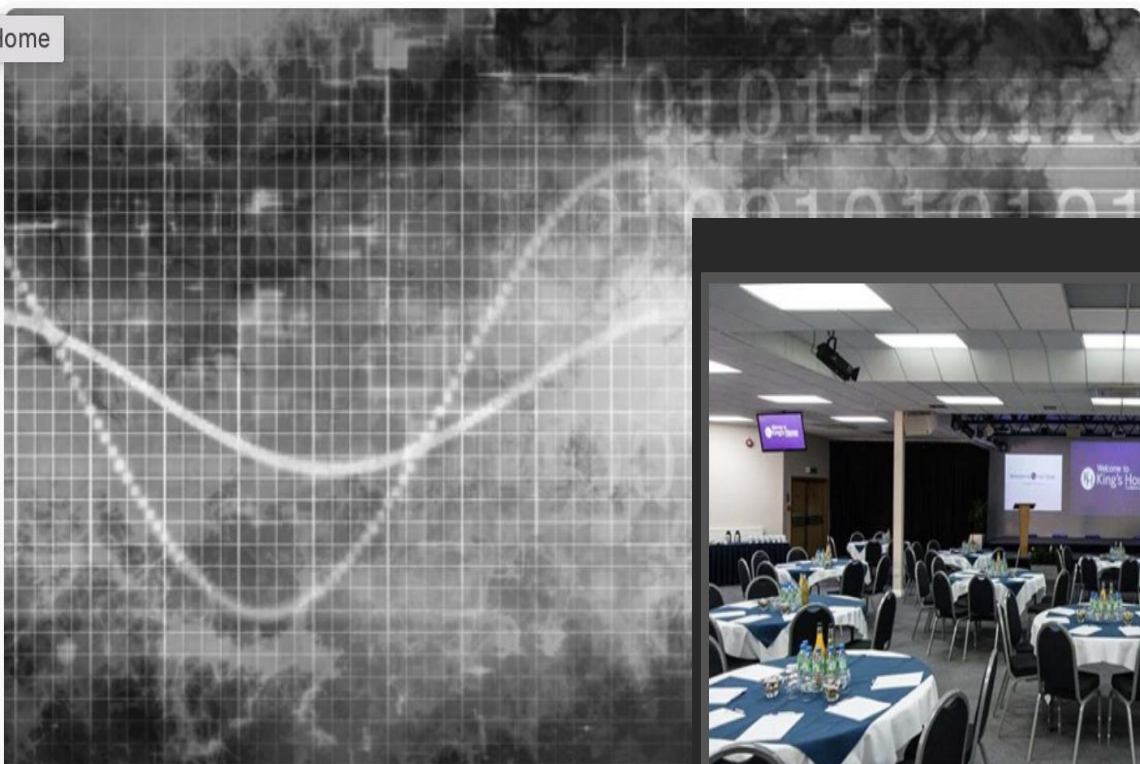
Governor, Goldsmiths
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MANVILLE**

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Europe

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Cambridge's global reputation in Physics and Astronomy recognised in REF 2021

Department of Physics

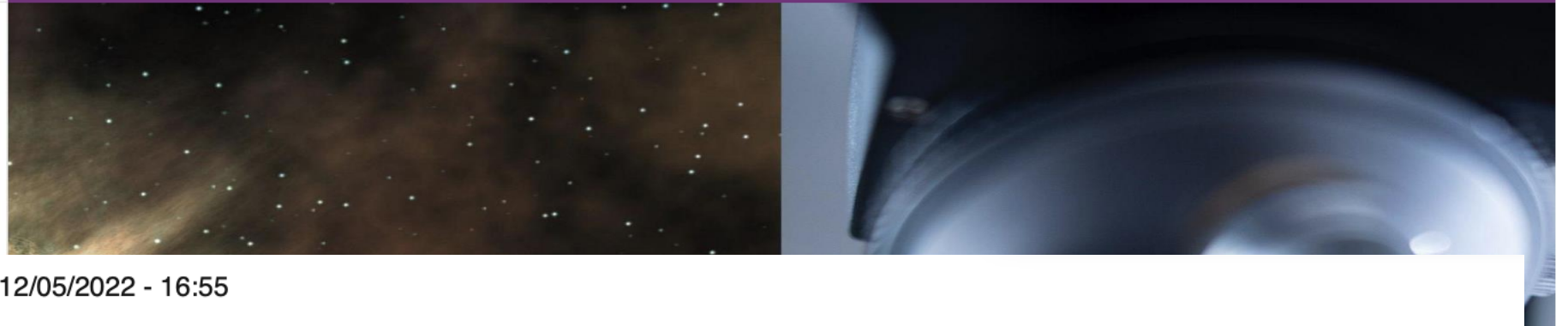
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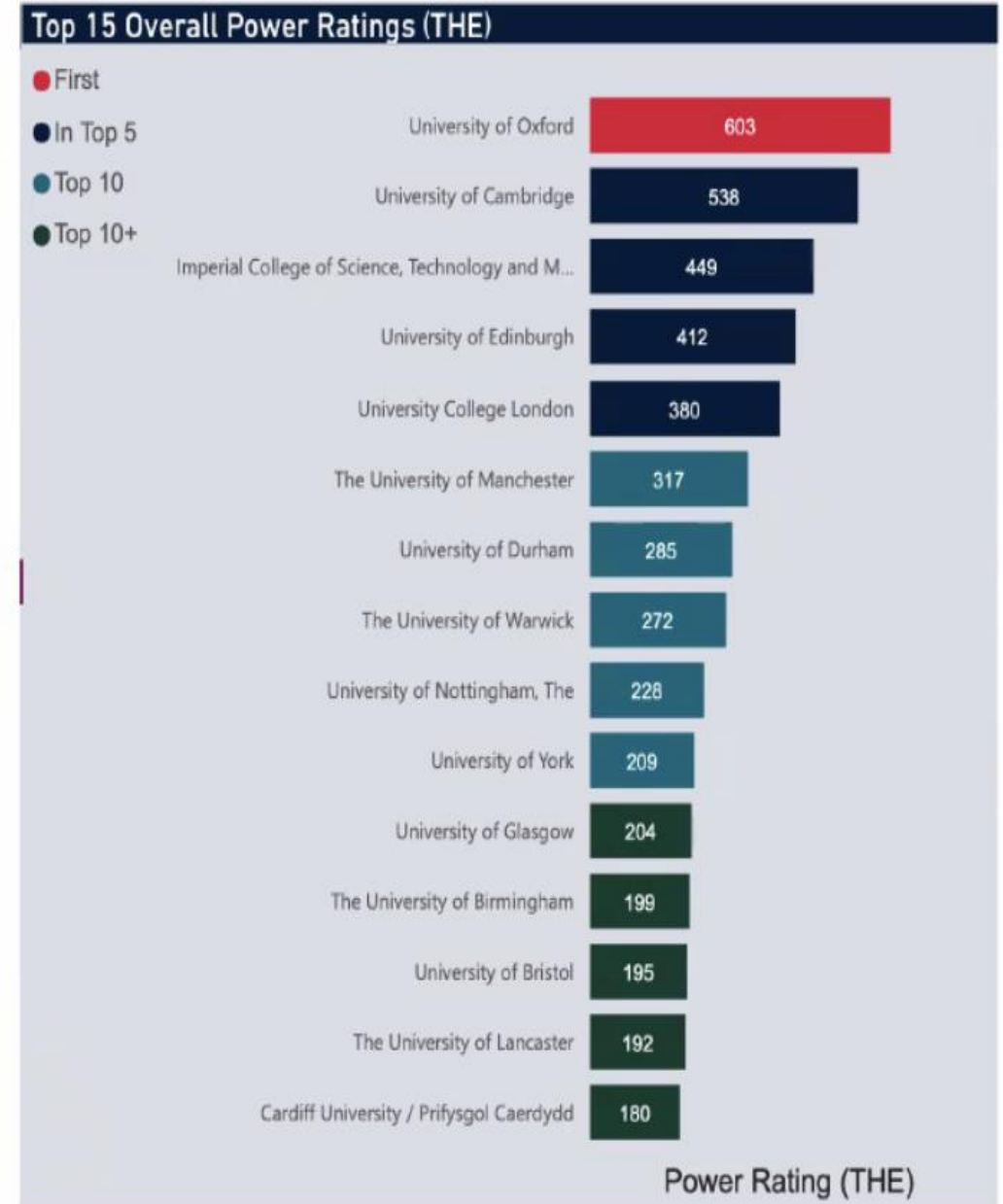
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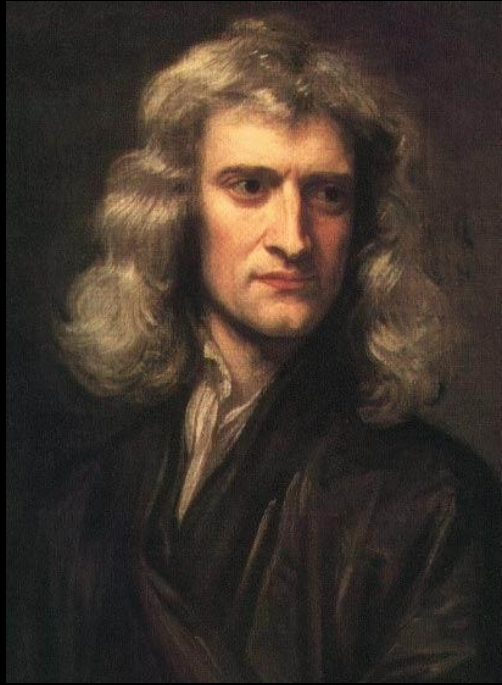
The results from the latest Research Excellence Framework (REF) have highlighted the global impact of Cambridge's research in the field of Physics and Astronomy.

99% of Cambridge's overall submissions within the Physics and Astronomy Unit of Assessment – to which our departments made a significant contribution – have been rated as 'world leading' or 'internationally excellent', demonstrating the major impact that researchers in our departments are making every day. The Times Higher Education's rankings placed Cambridge at #2 for Physics and Astronomy in REF 2021 as measured by "research power". This metric includes both the volume and quality of the research.

UK Government Assessment of UK Physics Departments 2022

Institution	FTE entered	GPA	GPA 2014	Rank 2014	Research power (indexed)	RP rank	Market share (%)
University of Oxford	171	3.52	3.34	2	1000	1	8.6
University of Cambridge	148	3.63	3.29	=7	892	2	8.14
Imperial College London	130	3.45	3.26	10	744	3	5.97
University of Edinburgh	118	3.49	3.33	=3	683	4	5.6
UCL	113	3.38	3.12	=16	631	5	4.72

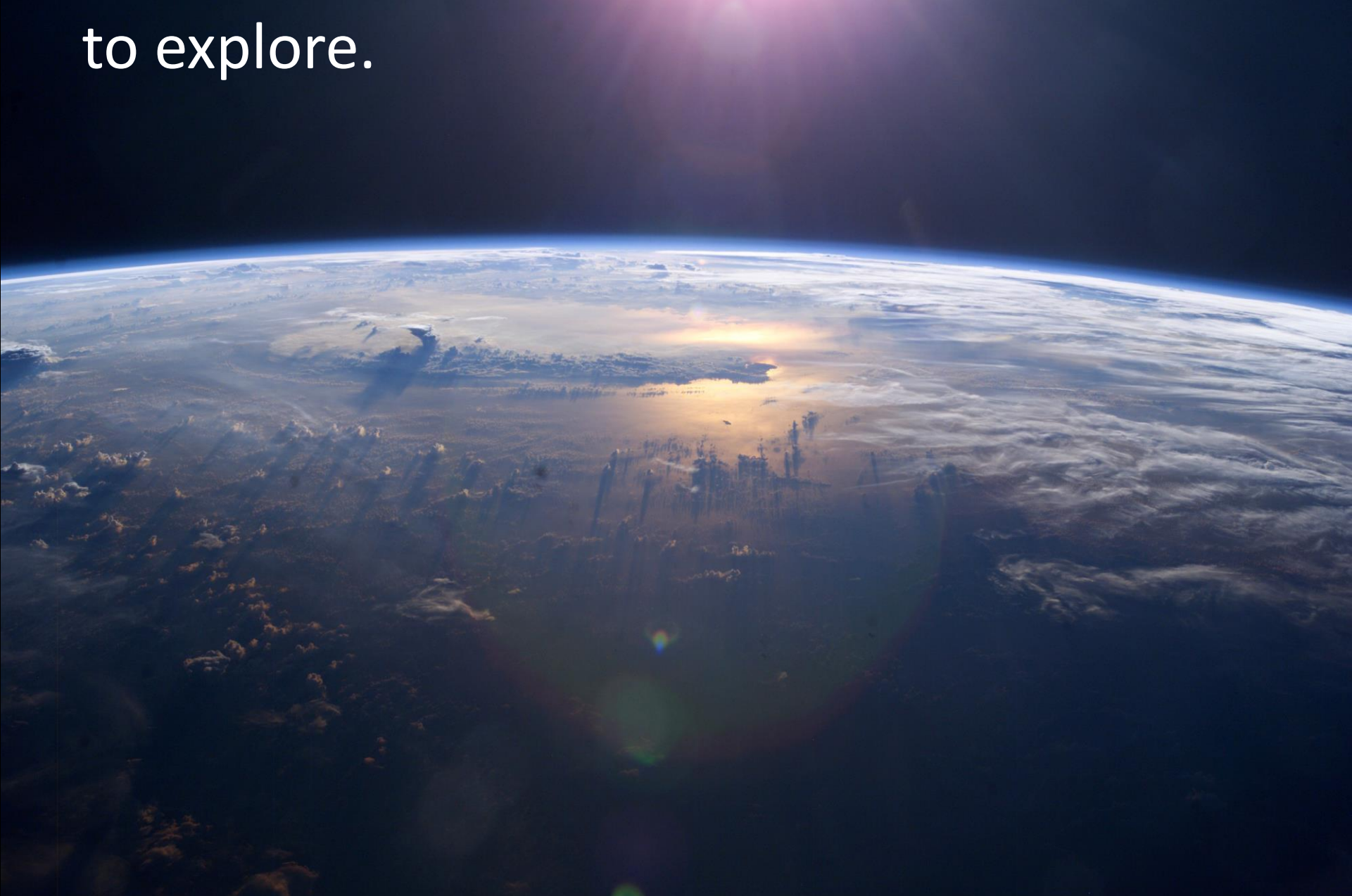




“What we know is a droplet, what we
don’t know is an Ocean”

Sir Isaac Newton (1643-1727)

The ocean is for all of us and future generations to explore.



Stopping working so hard would be my plan for the next two decades although I am not sure I want to be around that long!

Still, Herwig Schopper is a role model here.

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Brian has played a key leadership role in particle physics for more than four decades

And this will continue well into his retirement